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Re: Appeal No. DOJ-AP-2019-000589
Request No. 1409854
SRO:EMY

VIA: Email

Dear Ms. Best:

You appealed from the action of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on your Freedom of Information Act request for access to records concerning Richard Joseph Leitsch, also known as Richard Valentine Leitsch and Dick Leitsch. I note that your appeal concerns the adequacy of the FBI's search for records responsive to your request. Please note that this Office was closed due to a lapse in funding appropriations between December 22, 2018 and January 25, 2019, which resulted in a delay in responding to your appeal.


After carefully considering your appeal, and as a result of discussions between FBI personnel and this Office, I am remanding your request to the FBI for a search for responsive cross-references. If the FBI locates releasable cross-reference records, it will send them to you directly, subject to any applicable fees. You may appeal any future adverse determination made by the FBI. If you would like to inquire about the status of this remanded request or to receive an estimated date of completion, please contact the FBI directly at 540-868-1535.

If you have any questions regarding the action this Office has taken on your appeal, you may contact this Office's FOIA Public Liaison for your appeal. Specifically, you may speak with the undersigned agency official by calling (202) 514-3642.

If you are dissatisfied with my action on your appeal, the FOIA permits you to file a lawsuit in federal district court in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B).

Sincerely,

2/20/2019

X 

Sean R. O'Neill
Chief, Administrative Appeals Staff
Signed by: SEAN O'NEILL